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REMARKS ☐

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1. During the period from 9 to 15 October 1952, the quartering buildings of the Koonig Georg Kaserne and the Hindenburg Kaserne on Neuendorfer Strasse, Plauen (P 51/K 12), were lighted about 10 to 15 percent. During the same period, only one quartering building of the Kirchbach Kaserne on Zadera Strasse was fully lighted; the other quartering building was occupied only by a rear detail. 1

2. In the afternoon hours of 16 October, the troop units started returning in the Koonig Georg Kaserne and the Hindenburg Kaserne. At 5 p.m., a troop train consisting of 20 boxcars, including some transporting troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and of an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 33 trucks

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At about 8 p.m., another train carrying troops and materiel, including 4 x 122-mm field howitzers and 4 x 57-mm AT guns, was unloaded at the station. The units detrained left in two columns for the Koonig Georg Kaserne, south of Neuendorfer Strasse. After their arrival at the installation, meals were served to the troops from a field kitchen in the southwest section of the installation. No training activity was noticed in the installation on 17 October.

3. At 5 p.m. on 17 October, a column of 40 motor vehicles, mostly trucks, including 8 towing a 57-mm AT gun each

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4 mounting heavy machine guns entered the Hindenburg Kaserne north of Neuendorfer Strasse. The trucks each carried 5 to 20 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and billeting equipment. At 11:30 p.m., the column was followed by another large column of motor vehicles, including about 4 track-laying vehicles. On 18 October, about 20 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen cleaning 5 x 57-mm AT guns in the east section of the installation, while 50 troops wearing black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets were maintaining 15 to 20 trucks. Thirty cleaned trucks were parked nearby.

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4. On 18 October, only one quartering building of the Kirchbach Kaserne on Zadera Strasse was occupied to capacity as previously. Four soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets cleaned a 76.2-mm field gun in the southeast section of the barracks installation.

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1. Comment. [redacted] the 112th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div previously stationed in Plauen left its post on 6 October. [redacted]

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2. Comment. The information on the return of the troop units contained in this report and the observation of troop trains [redacted] mentioned in a previous report indicate that the regiment, after the termination of the exercise near Lessau-Wiesenburg, was entrained in Lindau/ -Wiesenburg and returned to the military post of Plauen on 16 October. [redacted] As only one shipment of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div was observed going from Ohrdruf to Dessau as compared to 14 trains [redacted] from Lindau, it is believed that the bulk of the division, including the regiment mentioned above went to the Dessau training area by road. [redacted]

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